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In re application of:

Quan Nguyen et al.

Application No.: 10/092,926

Filed: March 6, 2002

For: ASSAY SYSTEM FOR  
SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION AND  
MEASUREMENT OF MULTIPLE  
MODIFIED CELLULAR PROTEINS

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In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, with traverse.

The Requirement for Restriction is traversed on the basis that despite the difference in literal claim scope, the overall concepts of the claims relate to a single invention - the use of mild denaturing conditions and reagents in the analysis of a sample for multiple proteins. Whether or not the claims can be separately classified, conducting a search of all claims together would enable Applicants to obtain a single patent on the invention and at the same time would not place an undue burden on the examiner.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Requirement for  
Restriction and examination of all claims together.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite  
prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned:

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